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Dear Prospective Proposers:

ADDENDUM NO. 3 TO REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) FOR REFERENCE MEDICAL LABORATORY SERVICES

On April 28, 2010, the Department of Health Services (DHS) released an RFSQ for the provision of as-needed medical laboratory services with a May 28, 2010 deadline for qualified providers to submit responses. Addendum No. 1 was issued on May 20, 2010 and Addendum No. 2 was issued on June 2, 2010.

Addendum No. 3 is issued in response to questions asked by prospective respondents received in accordance to RFSQ requirements.

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

- Q1. I am a partner with existing lab that has been in business for 19 years and has all the credentials and equipment to do the work. Is it acceptable to submit an RFSQ under my Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) which is a business entity that does not deal in medical testing lab services?
- A1. No. Vendors must comply with the minimum qualifications written under RFSQ Section 1.4 – Vendor's Minimum Qualifications, including the requirement (Section 1.4.1) that the "Vendor's organization must have five (5) years' experience in the business of providing medical laboratory services to hospitals, medical groups, or satellite laboratories."
- Q2. Does the RFSQ allow for subcontractor relationships?
- A2. The County will allow subcontracting only as outlined in Master Agreement 8.45, which states in part that "The requirements of this Master Agreement may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the advance approval of the County.**"
- Q3. The question relates to MediCal billing for reference lab samples that are sent from LA County medical facilities. It is my understanding that any lab send outs for MediCal have to be billed to MediCal by the sourcing laboratory (which would be the hospital facility), such that the reference lab would bill to the facility for the test, and in turn, the facility would then bill to MediCal for that same test. Is this accurate?
- A3. Yes.

This concludes the County's response and is issued as Addendum No. 3.

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